

# Allen Sees "New Agenda"

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (BP) — Jimmy Allen sees Southern Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust and Mission Service Corps as "a happening of the Holy Spirit, calling us to a new agenda," and he maintains that Southern Baptists hold to conservative biblical beliefs.

Looking back on his first year as Southern Baptist Convention president, the 50-year-old San Antonio pastor reflected on issues which will face the SBC meeting, June 13-15 in Atlanta, the progress of BMT and MSC, and his activist role as SBC president in an interview with Toby Druin, associate editor of the "Baptist Standard."

Allen, expected to be re-elected to a traditional second one-year term without opposition, said Bold Mission Thrust will be the big emphasis at the SBC meeting. But he said other issues could include continuation of the debate over women's role in the church, world hunger, and concern by some ultra-conservatives over orthodoxy, biblical authority and trustworthiness of institutional trustees.

"I think it's healthy for people to ventilate their feelings," he said. "My only concern is that we not react to accusation from outside Southern Baptist life that we are not staying with the Bible. I think Southern Baptists are staying with the Bible. The people who are in our evangelism and missions forefront are people who believe in the authority and accuracy of the Bible."

Allen believes Southern Baptists "have caught the heartbeat" of Bold Mission Thrust, the plan to evangelize

the world in this century, and of Mission Service Corps, a Bold Mission Thrust program to enlist 5,000 volunteer missionaries by 1982.

"Our people have not learned the terminology, but they have caught the heartbeat... both from pew to pulpit and pulpit to pew," declared Allen.

"We have had basically a year of tooling up, of trying to define terms, of trying to help people adjust programs that were put together before there was a Bold Mission Thrust," he said. "They (denominational leaders) have to ask themselves where their programs fit under the mandate of Bold Mission Thrust and Mission Service Corps... (which have) not had the birthing of a long range planning committee gradually putting together

the structure of a program, which is generally true with us."

But Allen believes leaders must provide more impetus to make the ambitious plans work — especially in state Baptist conventions.

"At first there was a feeling that the great energy of the idea would sort of promote itself, but no idea of movement ever promotes itself," Allen said. "You have to get the information to the people so they will know how to respond."

Baptists need "an acceleration of promotion and communication on the state level of these new concepts of participation missions — immediate organization for both personnel and resources," said Allen, a former state

denominational worker and former state convention president in Texas.

"The (national SBC) agencies have responded more quickly than the States have, which is normal," declared the pastor of San Antonio's First Baptist Church. "The agencies are structured now so that they can deal with what we have. They are moving into the promotional stance that they have not had before. We have gotten over the initial shock (of a program which burst on the SBC scene), the questions have been answered and we are tooling up to promote it."

Allen said he does not favor the concept of one person to direct Bold Mission Thrust because it could have the effect of creating another agency and

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## Home Mission Board Plans Open House During SBC

ATLANTA (BP) — Directors and staff of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board will host an open house at the board offices at 1350 Spring Street during the annual Southern Baptist Convention meeting.

The reception honoring home missionaries will be Wednesday, June 14, from 2 to 5 p.m., on the free afternoon scheduled during the June 13-15 convention at the Atlanta World Congress Center.

A yellow and white canopy, pink lemonade, homemade cookies and ice cream cones will greet SBC visitors behind the seven-story brick headquarters. Although the building will be open to messengers all week, William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer, and members of the board of directors will be there to welcome visitors only on Wednesday.

The Home Mission Board supports

over 2,500 missionaries in the 50 states, Puerto Rico and American Samoa. Strategy affecting the future of home missions originates from the offices housing 275 employees, located just off the downtown interstate connector.

A short visual presentation about the work of the board will precede self-

paced tours of the building. Displays on each floor will illustrate the programs of work and a representative in each office will be available to answer questions.

Artifacts from home missionaries

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## Youth Week Schedule Expands

Because of the great popularity of the Youth Conferences this summer at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at Pass Christian, another one has been added to the summer schedule.

The added Youth Conference will take place July 24-28. It will have the same attractions the others will have.

Sessions within the conferences include: Christian discipleship, achieving my independence, sex and the student, what we believe, how to pray, guitar playing, and the student's role in his church.

Afternoon recreation, movies, talent shows, and group devotionals will be a part of each conference.

For reservations for this added Youth Conference, write: Frank Simmons, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Miss., 39571.

## 'Typical' Bryant Concert Scene

Demonstrators make a feeble attempt to register disapproval of Anita Bryant on May 12 when she appeared on the William Carey College campus in Hattiesburg for an American Cancer Society benefit concert.

The singer is scheduled to appear at the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference which precedes the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Atlanta in June. Her stand on gay rights has created intense feelings for and against her.

Church groups from throughout South Mississippi helped to pack the auditorium at Carey for the May event. Gospel and sacred music filled a large part of her program.



## Atlanta: Pastors Conference

# Gay Rights Activists Plan Bryant Picketing

By Dan Martin  
ATLANTA (BP) — Gay rights activists plan to demonstrate against the June 11 appearance of Anita Bryant during the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference.

The demonstration — which will feature a rally, march and picket — will be coordinated by a newly created organization, Atlanta Coalition for Human Rights, which promotes "civil rights for all people, including lesbians and gay men."

"We are not objecting to her coming and speaking," said Victor Host, coordinator of the Atlanta Gay Rights Alliance. "We are not picketing the Southern Baptist Convention. What we are demonstrating and picketing against is what she stands for; not her visit and not the convention."

Miss Bryant has become a focus on the gay rights issue following a successful campaign in Dade County, Fla., for repeal of a gay rights ordinance last June and subsequent endorsement of other anti-gay rights efforts.

Organizers of the coalition and demonstration — many of whom did not want their names used — said the event is a "peaceful, legal action" which "is geared toward civil rights for all people, including lesbians and gay men... and not against Anita Bryant. This is a human rights issue and not a religious people-versus-the-gays issue."

An estimated 2,000 persons are expected to take part in the demonstration, which will feature a 6 p.m. rally on June 11 in the Central City Park, a march to the Georgia World Congress Center where the Pastors' Conference will be held, and a two-hour picket.

Host said the demonstration will be non-violent. "We will not attempt to get into the Pastors' Conference," he said. "We don't belong in there and we're not going to try to get in." He

said if there's any trouble, "it won't come from us."

According to James Moore, spokesman for the coalition, the group is endorsed by the American Civil

Liberties Union, Gay Rights Alliance, Atlanta Lesbian Feminist Alliance, Young Socialist Alliance and Socialist Workers Party, several ministers and

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Miss Bryant in concert at William Carey College.

## Winters Elected To Head Church Music Conference

Donald Winters, dean of the School of Music at William Carey College in Hattiesburg, has been elected president of the newly organized Mississippi Baptist Church Music Conference.

He was elected unanimously as the first president of the organization during a meeting held May 5-6 at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly with 87 charter members.

Purpose of the Music Conference is to encourage Christian fellowship

among the Mississippi Baptist musicians and educators, to contribute to the spiritual and musical growth of all, and to promote and coordinate the

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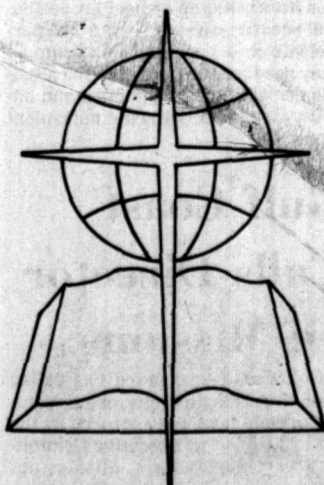
## Shaw Will Move To Fla. WMU

Frances Ann Shaw, consultant for the Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union since 1969, has been elected associate director of WMU for the Florida Baptist Convention.

She will assume her duties with the program of Baptist Women and Baptist Young Women on June 10.

A native of Galveston, Miss Shaw is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College and of Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex.

She also worked four years as an English and speech teacher in Dallas. Since coming to the Mississippi WMU staff, Miss Shaw has been developing work among Baptist Young Women in the state.



## Possible SBC Logo

Proposed logo for the Southern Baptist Convention to be recommended by the SBC Executive Committee and voted on in Atlanta in June. The art is an adaptation from a large metal sculpture work on the front of the SBC Building in Nashville. This design was chosen from 64 proposals submitted by 18 artists working with various Baptist groups. If approved, use of the logo by the churches and Baptist organizations will be voluntary. (BP)

## Missionaries Granted Uganda Work Permit

JINJA, Uganda (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries James L. and Linda Rice have been granted new entry permits by Uganda.

Their previous entry permit, which expired in February, had been issued on behalf of their missionary work with the Baptist Mission of Uganda. When Baptist churches were banned in September 1977, it appeared unlikely that a new permit would be granted,

according to Berry (Mrs. G. Webster) Carroll, Southern Baptist Missionary press representative in Uganda.

The Bible Society of Uganda applied for the new permit for the couple because Rice is giving part of his time distributing Bibles throughout Uganda. The Rices, who see granting of the permits as answer to prayer, plan to go back to Uganda after a furlough in the United States.

## James Sullivan Named Seminary Professor

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Next fall, James L. Sullivan, former Southern Baptist Convention president and head of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will take his lifetime of pastoral and denominational experience into the classroom. Sullivan will be visiting professor of church and denominational administration at Louisville's Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Sullivan, a native of Mississippi who

served as president of the Sunday School Board from 1953 until his retirement in 1976, will also teach advanced courses in denominational administration. In 1976, Sullivan was elected to a one-year term as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Named to the teaching position during the recent meeting of Southern Seminary trustees, Sullivan will teach for two semesters beginning in August.

## Bible Study Preview Set

First Baptist Church of Hattiesburg hosts a preview of a new Home Bible Study tonight at 7 p.m.

The sessions will include a showing of a preview tape of "At Home With The Bible," a new radio/TV program which will start in selected areas in October, with Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church in Jackson, as teacher and host.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Sunday School Department is sponsoring the preview. The public is invited.

## "Quoted"

On specialties: The idea that "some churches are designed to win lost persons to Christ and others to train them is utter nonsense," said Harry Piland, Sunday School program director for the Baptist Sunday School Board. "Every church should be accomplishing both of these things, and it can be done fast through the Sunday School program." Piland was speaking to state Sunday School directors during their annual planning meeting at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at Pass Christian, Miss.



Shaw



# SBC Week Meetings

## Church Music Conference Plans Premiere Of Anthem

ATLANTA (BP) — An imposing array of musicians and speakers will be featured at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, June 11-12, at Atlanta's Wiecua Road Baptist Church.

The conference is one of a series of meetings surrounding the Southern Baptist Convention sessions, June 13-15, at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

Speakers include John Claypool, pastor of Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., who will speak on "The Role of Women in the Ministry" and Mrs. Gladys Lewis of Midwest City, Okla., a writer and speaker and former Southern Baptist missionary, who will speak on "The Problems of Women in Church Leadership Positions."

The opening session, which begins at 7:30 p.m., June 11, features an array of mini-concerts by vocal and handbell choirs and orchestras and culminates

in the premiere of an anthem commissioned by the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference for the 1978 meeting.

The anthem, "Psalm 8," was written by Robert H. Young of the school of music at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and will be performed by the church choir of Wiecua Road Baptist Church, Jack Gantt, director.

Other speakers and business will be interspersed between mini-concerts and mini-recitals by a number of artists and musical groups, including the famed Atlanta Boys' Choir.

James C. McKinney, music conference president and dean of the school of church music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, will speak on "The Church Musician's Dilemma" during his president's address. J. Dan Cooper, pastor, First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla., will speak on "The Primacy of Worship."

Monday morning, June 12, will include special sessions for members of the Church Music Conference's local church, denominational and education divisions. Special interest sessions that afternoon include a variety of program personnel leading conferences on what is new in music education of children, missions, music drama and multi-media, service materials for organists, service materials for pianists, sound systems and auditorium acoustics, and techniques for teaching avant garde choral music to choirs.

A special feature of the conference will be a concert honoring Southern Baptist composers living east of the Mississippi River, performed by The Sons of Jubal, directed by Paul McCommon of Atlanta, and The Jubalheirs, directed by Wade Davis of Atlanta.

Other musical groups and artists include The Centurymen, directed by Buryl Red of New York, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Martin, minister of music and organist at Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta; The Mississippi Singing Churchmen, Dan C. Hall, director; Albert L. Travis, associate professor of organ, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth; Mona Goff Bond, contralto, artist in residence, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; The Brewton-Parker College Choir, Mt. Vernon, Ga.; Hildegard Stanley, director, and a number of church vocal and handbell choirs. Church groups include Central Baptist Church, Waycross, Ga.; Briarlake Church, Decatur, Ga.; First Church, Valdosta, Ga.; Oakhurst Church, Decatur, Ga.; First Church, Atlanta; Wiecua Road Church, Atlanta; Peachtree City Church, Peachtree City, Ga.; Bethlehem Church, Clarksville, Ga.; and Green Acres Church, Athens, Ga.

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result in competition with current mission agencies. "What we need is correlation (which is being provided through a Bold Mission Trust Steering Committee). We will need personnel to promote it, but it should be in the states, and then we can use volunteers."

### A Departure?

Druin asked Allen if a recent meeting in Washington to raise Mission Service Corps funds, called by Allen and former SBC president, Owen Cooper, and featuring President Jimmy Carter, departed from the usual SBC method of mission support. About 200 well-to-do Baptists attended and pledged \$750,000 at the meeting. Allen expects the final total to top \$1 million.

"We asked them to come together and talk about Mission Service Corps and to present to them the challenge of giving over and above their tithes and other mission support in major gifts to sponsor volunteers here and overseas," Allen said.

"As to it being a departure from previous giving patterns, we have plowed the same ground for institutions in the past," he continued. "There has never been any hesitation to ask people of financial means to build some building, but we have not tapped this resource for ongoing mission expansion in the ways para-church groups have tapped our resources. This is a one-time meeting, but I hope it is a pattern of things that will be happening in every state in the SBC."

### CP Threat?

He said that the financing of Mission Service Corps awaits "the same kind of emotion that the enlistment of people awaits... I think the money is there and it's not a threat to the Cooperative Program or mission offerings to seek it. I think it is new money and people who have been giving to other causes — to para-church groups — will get excited about it and channel it to mission causes. We are just waiting on communication; people just don't give to what you haven't asked them to give."

### Aggressive

Allen, who has gained a reputation in SBC leadership circles as one of the most active and aggressive SBC presidents in recent memory, said, "The structure of our convention doesn't give a president any authority and that guards the democracy and strength of local decision-making by agencies. But the president is the only person elected by the people at large. In a very real way, he represents the convention. He is on every board and agency — the only man who can move in and out of every one as a welcomed, participating member of the Southern Baptist constituency."

### Pacesetter

"I feel the president has a responsibility to help be a pacesetter for what the convention has expressed its will on and what its needs are," he continued. "He helps set the agenda for Southern Baptist life. Our convention has set its agenda for Bold Mission Thrust... I consider that a mandate to every agency and to the president that we are going to move into this aggressive new expansion in missions which we have voted on in two conventions."

"The president also becomes in some way a kind of extended profile of Southern Baptists to the nation at large," he said. "Because of the attention that has come to us in recent times, we have a real opportunity for the people at large to know who Southern Baptists are, what we are and what we are doing. It will be a brief attention span, and the president should do what he can to communicate to society at large who Southern Baptists are."

## Winters Elected . . .

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ministry of music in the churches and the denomination.

Leon Bedsole, of FBC, Biloxi, was elected president-elect; Marcus Beaver of FBC, Pascagoula, is vice president; and Bill Bacon of FBC,

Clinton is secretary-treasurer.

Winters is a past president of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference and co-founded the School of Church Music at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and was administrative head of that school.



## Seminary Student Visits Brogan

Dick Brogan, director of the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists department, talks with Hubie Nelson, a native of Jackson, Nelson is currently enrolled at New Orleans Seminary as a senior ministerial student. Brogan became acquainted with him while Nelson was a student at Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

The Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists Department helps an average of 12 students per year with scholarship aid. A recent survey indicated there were 108 black students enrolled at the six Southern Baptist Seminaries with 20 of them at New Orleans.

## Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion



Edinburgh (RNS) — Measures aimed at cleaning up television programs and publications that offend "standards of decency" were adopted by the Womans' Guild of the Church of Scotland at its annual meeting here.

Kansas City, Mo. (BP) — The board of trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary adopted a record budget, elected officers, focused on campus renovation and long range planning, and approved a new faculty position. The approved budget of \$1.6 million for fiscal 1978-79 represents a 19 percent increase over the current figure. New faculty and growing staff account for the major portions of the increase.

New York (RNS) — Rabbi Abraham B. Hecht, president of the Rabbinical Alliance of America, has announced an "all-out campaign against gay rights" in the U. S. Rabbi Hecht, who heads the organization of Orthodox rabbis and Torah scholars, said the agency does not oppose the personal rights to "practice perversion in privacy." "But," he added, "we cannot stand by quietly as society legitimizes homosexuality as a viable and acceptable social norm."

New York (RNS) — The Lutheran Church in America's "Strength for Mission" program has received its minimum goal of \$25 million with a month remaining for solicitation, LCA officials announced here. The Strength for Mission fund is an "over and above" offering for extended outreach programs scheduled over the next five years.

Memphis (RNS) — Catholics and Presbyterians of Western Tennessee were asked here to enlist in a joint effort aimed at increasing lay participation in prison ministry. The call came on the heels of a "criminal justice awareness" seminar held at the First Presbyterian Church of Memphis, where representatives of both Churches heard firsthand the need for such a joint ministry.

### Test Case

## Round One With EEOC Goes To Southwestern

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has won the first round in its battle with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission over the filing of certain employee information with the agency.

U. S. District Judge Eldon Mahon has denied a request by the EEOC for a summary judgment and ordered a trial date set for the year-old suit. The EEOC is seeking to force the seminary to file EEO Form 6 which provides information on the number of employees and their duties, pay and tenure and to identify employees by race, sex and national origin.

A spokesman for Judge Mahon said the refusal to grant summary judgment did not indicate the EEOC was wrong but meant simply that there were important facts that could be decided only in a trial.

## Ministers Get Social Security Grace Period

DALLAS, Texas — Ministers who claimed exemption from participation in Social Security in the past, but who now want the coverage, have until April 15, 1979, to become reinstated in the program.

Kenneth Collins, field representative of the Dallas Social Security Administration, says, for the first time ever, members of the clergy have been granted "an extended period of grace" to decide whether to retain or forego exemption from coverage.

"If you are a member of the clergy who was exempt from Social Security coverage in 1977," explained Collins, "you can now revoke the exemption and get coverage starting with your first taxable year, beginning or ending after December 20, 1977."

Collins stressed that once a minister has revoked exemption, he may not again file Form 4361 for new exemption.

To revoke exemption, Internal Revenue Service (IRS) officials report that members of the clergy should write the commissioner of the IRS in Washington, D. C. 20224.

Ministers and other persons classified as members of the clergy are covered under Social Security as if they were self-employed, Collins explained.

Another recent IRS ruling affects ministers exempt from Social Security coverage who have bought insurance and who participate in a retirement program.

The ruling (77-88, LRB 1977-14) indicates that the buying of a retirement annuity precludes a minister's eligibil-

New York (RNS) — Church World Service, the relief arm of the National Council of Churches has issued a call for a massive effort for Protestant and Orthodox help in settling between 8,000 and 10,000 refugees expected to arrive in the U. S. this year. The new figure, about three times that aided last year, was set because of a recent Carter Administration decision to admit an estimated 38,000 "emergency" refugees this year in addition to the normal flow of 17,400.

New York (RNS) — The Unification Church, formally known as the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, is suing two publishers for almost \$20 million for two books critical of the Church and its founder, Sun Myung Moon. Deprogrammer Ted Patrick and E. P. Dutton, his publisher, are being sued for \$15 million for Patrick's book, Let Our Children Go. Author Dusty Sklar and Harper & Row are being sued for \$4 million for Sklar's book, Gods & Beasts: The Nazis and the Occult, which compares techniques allegedly used by the Unification Church with occult societies in Nazi Germany.

New York (RNS) — Americans contributed \$16.54 billion to religious causes in 1977, up from \$14.85 billion in 1976, according to the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel. Figures released by the Association indicated that religious contributions in 1977 accounted for 47 percent of all charitable donations — the largest category. A total of \$35.20 billion was contributed to all charitable causes in 1977.

New York (RNS) — Roman Catholics now comprise 23 percent of the population of the United States, with a total of 49,836,176 reported for the year 1977 by the Official Catholic Directory for 1978, just issued here by P. J. Kennedy & Sons. The total represents an increase of 510,424 over the 1976 figure.

## Author Will Address Ministers' Wives

ATLANTA (BP) — Marge Caldwell of Houston will be the featured speaker at the Southern Baptist Ministers' Wives Conference in Atlanta's Omni Hotel at 12:30 p.m., June 13.

The Southern Baptist Convention holds its annual meeting June 13-15, at the Georgia World Congress Center, next door to the Omni.

Mrs. Caldwell, an author, lecturer and teacher of professional charm and modeling, has a Houston radio show and is a marriage counselor. She teaches Sunday School at Houston's First Baptist Church.

Clint Nichols, chairman of church music at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary will bring special music and Mrs. George Busbee, wife of the Georgia governor, will greet guests at the luncheon according to Mrs. Landrum P. Leavell III, Ministers' Wives Conference president.

Advanced reservations (\$7.50 each) may be made before June 1 by sending a check to The Ministers' Wives Conference SBC, % Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta 30306. Tickets may be picked up at the ministers' wives booth at the SBC on Monday, June 12.



## International "Share Team" Includes MUW

NASHVILLE — Five college students have been selected to form an International Share Team to travel nationwide this summer, sharing their faith and training persons for international student work. They are (l to r) Jose Morelos, Colombia, Montclair State College, New Jersey; Pratima Borde, India,

Mississippi University for Women; Bill Barnett (coordinator), Texas A & M; Annie Khoo, Malaysia, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkansas; and Kehinde Anifowoshe, Nigeria, Florida State University.

## Mississippian Reports On Mission Trip

Following is a report on a mission trip by a Mississippi Baptist.

Alton Hodnett of Wayside Baptist Church in Vicksburg, gave half his vacation last summer to work along with his son, Timothy, in a mission project in Belpre, Ohio. They worked June 13-23.

Hodnett was leader and teacher for a Vacation Bible School and a Backyard Bible study in Belpre. They worked under Mel Hobson, of Vienna, W. Va., which is adjacent to Ohio.

Hodnett reported that he was able to see people saved as a result of his trip. "I feel if others would become involved in this type of mission activity, we would have a different outlook on our missions and missionaries and we would want to give more to help the spread of the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

This was Hodnett's fourth mission trip. "I am looking forward to when I can go again," he said.

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rabbis, and others.

Tim Hedquist, assistant to the treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee and convention manager, said: "We have made normal security precautions. I don't anticipate any unusual problem. My concern is that individual Southern Baptists do not precipitate anything. Many times the reaction to something like this (the demonstration) is worse than the action. We could make it worse than it is."

Atlanta police officials said extra lawmen have been alerted for the demonstration.

Bailey Smith, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church of Del City, Okla., and president of the Pastors' Conference, called on Southern Baptists attending the Sunday night meeting to "behave like Christians."

He added: "We don't want this Sunday night session to look like an anti-gay rally. What we want to spread in Atlanta is the love of Christ, not anger. I hope there is no violence on either side. I don't want anybody to be unkind to a homosexual. We have got to love

them and try to win them to Christ. We want the Sunday night meeting to be a rallying together and standing up for what is right and what is decent."

Smith added Miss Bryant will be under guard, both by Atlanta police and her own bodyguards. "Her life has been threatened," he said. "That shows, to me, the bad attitude of the people who oppose her. They talk about their freedom, but won't let her have hers."

## Youth Sentenced For Church Fires

WASHINGTON, Ga. (BP) — Roy K. Palmer, 17-year-old, Lincoln, Ga., youth has been sentenced to two six-year prison terms for his part in the burning of two churches in Wilkes County in December, 1977.

Palmer pled guilty to the charges and was awarded the terms, to run concurrently. Charges on the burning of two churches in Lincoln County during the same spree with two other juveniles, are pending. The other two boys have been given maximum two year terms which they are now serving at the Augusta Youth and Development Center.

During the court sessions Washington First Baptist Church pastor Albert W. Huyck Jr., and several other pastors pleaded for leniency on Palmer's behalf.

In church conference, Mulberry Baptist Church which had been totally destroyed by the boys, who admitted they had been drinking and smoking marijuana, voted to forgive them and asked the judge for leniency. The white youths denied having any racial motives in the destruction of the predominantly black churches.

Ten Baptist churches have burned in Georgia since July 4, 1977.

## Gulf Coast Calls Director Of Missions

Gulf Coast Association has called Sam Turner as director of missions. His appointment was approved by the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, on May 5.

Turner has been director of missions for Ashley County Baptist Association in Arkansas since 1976. He had previously served six years as a missionary to Kenya and seven years as a pastor.

He is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Born in Van Buren, Ark., he is married to the former Bonnie Anne Sherman and they have two children.





## Sunday School Weeks Are Not All Alike

Gulfshore Sunday School Mini Leadership weeks are scheduled for July 31-August 2; August 3-5; August 7-9; and August 10-12.

The first Sunday School week will be devoted to leadership conferences, a Youth conference (ages 12-17); special interest conferences (Growth, how to start a deaf program, Children and conversion); Bible study and messages by Kenneth Chafin, pastor, South Main Church, Houston, Tex. plus special 16mm color films.

A library conference will be led by Mrs. Peggy Tacon, Mobile, Alabama. Child care for babies through five (5) years olds plus teaching time for children, ages 6-11 years — for this first week only. (No preschool and children care during the second week.)

The second Sunday School week will again feature leadership conferences, Bible study and messages by Mr. and Mrs. John Drakeford Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. and music

will be directed by Doug Scott, minister of music, Calvary Church, Jackson. No Youth conference, preschool or children's age care during this second week.

Special interest conferences on growth will be led by Eugene Skelton, Growth Section, Sunday School Department, Nashville during the second week with Jim Fitch, supervisor of the Growth Section in Nashville leading the first week.

A bus conference will be held during this second week, led by Carlie Hill, bus director, Parkway Church, Jackson.

For additional program information write: Bryant M. Cummings, Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

For Gulfshore reservation information write: Frank Simmons, Manager, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Miss. 39571.

## Baptists Appeal For Help To New Guinea Homeless

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Baptist World Alliance is appealing to its 109 member bodies for \$25,000 in relief assistance to 47,000 homeless people in Irian Jaya, the western half of the island of New Guinea.

Reports say that hundreds of people have been killed through inter-tribal conflict, and that 47,000 persons have been made homeless by a "series of natural and man-made disasters" during the past 18 months.

The BWA telegraphed \$5,000 immediately to its Australian office and hopes to raise another \$20,000 to provide at least three months supplemental food supplies and emergency rehabilitation. Australian Baptists already have sent \$20,000 of relief aid.

John Ellenberger, chairman of the Christian and Missionary Alliance and director of relief efforts in Irian Jaya,

said that the relief efforts will major on "making the love of Christ known through the alleviating of physical suffering."

"We will provide emergency food supplements to combat hunger and malnutrition," he said. "We will replace tools which have been lost, with which the people can make gardens and pig fences, cut materials for new homes and re-establish their communities."

"We will provide seed and livestock to re-establish food supply systems and we will attempt to introduce new foods and farming techniques with which the people can improve their nutrition and production levels. We will provide emergency medicines and vaccinations through the numerous small clinics which have been rehabilitated and put into operation."

## Come See History Of WMU On State Centennial Tours

Centennial tours to places with early Mississippi WMU history will be conducted May 29 - June 3, and hostesses will be on duty to receive tour groups from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day at the following First Baptist Churches: Natchez, Columbus, Brandon, Clinton, Jackson, Vicksburg, Grenada, Carrollton.

Hostesses will also receive guests during the same days and hours at the Baptist Building in Jackson and at Camp Garaywa at Clinton.

Planned by local and associational WMU Centennial Chairmen, these tours are a part of the celebration of 100 years in service of Mississippi WMU.

## Tupelo Branch Of Itawamba College Organizes BSU

A Baptist Student Union is being organized at the Vocational Technical Branch of Itawamba Junior College in Tupelo. Lester Jones will act as director of the organization in Tupelo and Fulton, where he is presently serving.

L. R. Magers, air conditioning and refrigeration instructor, will serve as faculty advisor. He is also pastor of Temple Church in Tupelo.

The elected council includes president Danny Coleman, from Priceville, and secretary Sherry Crouch, from Pontotoc.

Fifty students signed a petition saying they wanted a BSU.

The main problem the BSU faces is finding a meeting time that would be convenient for students with different lunch periods.

## Garaywa Camps Filling Rapidly

Camps for GAs and Acteens at Garaywa are filling up very quickly. Leaders should send in pre-registration fees as soon as possible. Registration information has been sent to GA and Acteens leaders. Pre-registration is \$10.00 and the balance of \$20.00 to be paid on arrival at Garaywa.

Camping Weeks		
June 12-16	GA	Full
June 19-23	Acteens	
June 26-30	GA	Full
July 3-7	GA	
July 10-14	GA	
July 17-21	GA	
July 24-28	GA	
July 31-August 4	Acteens	

## Gulfshore Registration Refunds

Registration fees for sessions at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at Pass Christian, may be refunded if written notice is received in the Gulfshore office 30 days prior to the beginning date of the conference designated in the reservation.

This policy has been sent by the assemblies and camps committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.



## They're Happy About Long List

Mississippi State University Baptist Student Union director Ircel Harrison checks news release with Johnny Buckner, Cheryl Stroud (rear), Jan Thomas, and Billy Carroll about the places where twenty-one MSU students will serve during the summer. Buckner, part of a team to Southwest Asia, is one of nine students serving under the Mississippi Baptist Student Union. Stroud and two others will take part in the "Innovators" program. Thomas, also a BSU appointee, will go to Washington. Carroll will serve under the Home Mission Board in Iowa. Other students will work in Montana and on the staffs at Camp Garaywa, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, and Ridgecrest Conference Center. Innovators is a Home Mission Board program whereby college students take secular jobs in resort areas, doing volunteer mission work in their spare time.

### At Gulfshore

## Landrum, Causey To Lead Church Training Retreats

Barry Landrum and Bill Causey head a list of outstanding program leaders for two Church Training Leadership Retreats at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly in June, according to Kermit S. King, Director of the Mississippi Church Training Department.

Space is still available for the two three-day retreats which are scheduled June 26-28 and June 29-July 1, and feature Landrum and Causey as retreat pastors.

Leadership conferences will be led by Sunday School Board personnel along with staff members of the Louisiana and Mississippi Church Training Departments which are jointly sponsoring the events.

Landrum is pastor of First Baptist Church, Bossier City, Louisiana. He is a native of Jones County, Miss., and previously served First Church, Greenville.

Causey has been pastor of Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, for 15 years following a pastorate at Poplar Springs Drive, Meridian.

Song leader for the first retreat is David Larrimore of Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo; and for the second, Doug Scott of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson.

Jimmy P. Crowe, Bill Latham, and Dan Fowler, staff members of the Church Training Department of the Sunday School Board, will be leading conferences. Crowe will lead general officers, Latham will lead adults, and Fowler will lead leaders of older children.

Helen May of the Louisiana Church



Landrum

Causey

Training Department will lead youth leadership. Mrs. Johnnie Painich of West Monroe, La., will direct the conference for younger children's leadership, and Mrs. Florence Hearn of Nashville, will give guidance to the preschool leadership conference.

During the June 26-28 retreat there will be a special seminar on Church Training for professional church staff led by Charles Lowry, education division director for the Louisiana Baptist Convention. Barbara Massey of the staff of First, Jackson, will lead a seminar on work with the mentally retarded. Kermit King and Kenneth Mooney will lead a conference for associational directors. Mooney is director of the Louisiana Church Training Department.

During the June 29-July 1 retreat, the special seminars will be on church recreation leadership with Frank Hart Smith directing plus a repetition of the conference on associational work led by King and Mooney. Smith is a consultant in the Sunday School Board Church Recreation Department.

## Three Types Of Camps Available For RAs

Three types of summer camps are available for Royal Ambassadors this year.

There are Pioneer Spds Camps, Crusader Mini-Camps, at Resident Camps. There are two seasons of the first two types, and four seasons of the Resident Camps.

Pioneer Sports Camps are for boys in grades 7-12 (in 7-78 school year) with special emphases on developing skills in basketball, football, softball, and swimming. First season is June 19-23; second session June 26-30. Cost is \$52 per boy. Ty will take place at Mississippi College in Clinton.

The Crusader Mini-Camps will take place at Camp Garaywa in Clinton on August 7-9 and August 11. They are for boys in grades 1-with special emphases on crafts, fishing, nature, study, and adventure. They cost \$21 per boy.

The Resident Camps for boys in grades 4-12 with emphasis on camping skills, crafts, and swimming at a cost of \$42 per boy. The first three sessions will be at Dorrah Lake Camp at Bellfontaine on June 16, July 3-7, and July 24-28. The fourth session will be at Paul B. Johnson State Park at Hattiesburg August 18.

For reservations, write the Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205. Send \$5 registration fee per boy for any of the three camps.

## Barbados To Get Mobile Dental Clinic

RICHMOND, Va. (BP) — Southern Baptist work on the Caribbean Island of Barbados will be enlarged with a mobile dental health care facility, much of it funded by a Southern Baptist dentist from Virginia.

Thomas W. Ormex, a Purcellville, Va., dentist in a general practice, has provided a 1978 motor home which has been fully outfitted with dental equipment for the Caribbean ministry.

Initially, lay volunteer dentists will carry out the program until a full-time dentist can be secured. Dentists will be free to distribute Bibles and Christian literature.

### The Missions Task

## The Small Church

By John Alexander, Director, Stewardship Department

Approximately three out of four churches in Mississippi have under 300 members. Some of these churches, however, could be considered small only in the sense that they have few church members. For the last few years a church, New Concord in Jasper Association with six members, has led the state in per capita gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program. Last year they gave \$74.83 per member through the Cooperative Program.

Third in per capita giving was Berwick Church in Mississippi Association. With 30 members they gave \$62.80 per member through the Cooperative Program. The fourth church in per capita giving was Smyrna Church in Copiah Association. Their 37 members gave \$61.01 per member to missions through the Cooperative Program.

I sometimes wonder if many of the smaller churches tend to take the attitude of one of the men in the story of the talents told by Jesus and recorded in Matthew 25. "And he also that had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man... I was afraid... and I hid thy talent in the earth: lo, thou hast thine own. But his lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant... Take ye away therefore the talent from him... For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken away."

Faithfulness and industry are not related to size or location but to attitude. Those who are few in number can be just as faithful and industrious as those who have money.

For a church to feel that because it is "few in number" its participation in missions is not important is a real tragedy! Every church is important. It is important in the eyes of its Lord and it is important that every church be obedient to its Lord. Boldness and confidence characterized the early Christians, not fear and lack of industry.

The small church can set the pace for all churches in missions as earlier illustrations in this article indicate. In this time when our denomination is seriously planning an effort to share the gospel with every person in the world by 2000 A. D., it is more urgent than ever that every church, regardless of its size be aggressively and meaningfully involved in this effort. Your regular gifts through the Cooperative Program make it all possible.

As a member of a small church, you may never have taught a Sunday school class, led a Church Training group, served as a deacon or other church officer, but through your systematic, and even sacrificial, giving you can walk the mission fields of the world, flood the airwaves with song and sermon, and do a thousand things in the name of Christ through your missionaries.

The sun never sets on the ministry and witness provided by the Cooperative Program. I urge you to urge your church to grow in its involvement in world missions through the Cooperative Program NOW!

## HMB Plans Open House

(Continued from page 1)

and people affected by home missions will fill viewing cases. Visitors will see such things as:

Myla Guard's engagement ring, donated to home missions in a dying gesture last year; a handstitched lap pillow, made by the Virginia widow who donated \$50,000 for a Puerto Rican seminary; a quilt made by an Appalachian Baptist and artwork by Baptist ethnics; and Annie Armstrong's wardrobe and the cornerstone of the old Home Mission Board building.

Buses running to hotels in north Atlanta from the Congress Center every few minutes will stop at the Home Mission Board building, about three miles from downtown, on Wednesday afternoon.

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## Officers Of Church Secretaries

These four women were among participants at a recent training session for church secretaries at the Baptist Building in Jackson. They are past and present officers of the Mississippi Baptist Secretaries Association, which exists to provide fellowship and training for church-related secretaries. Left to right are Carlene McGraw, of FBC, Louisville, vice president; Ruth Keyes, of Calvary in Jackson, past president; Bobbie Britt of FBC, Pearl, secretary-treasurer; and Rita Ladner, of Broadmoor in Jackson, president.



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# NAMES IN THE NEWS

Anchorage, Alaska — The oldest son and two grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Stover, Southern Baptist emeritus missionaries to Brazil, are lost and presumed dead on a flight in Alaska. William S. Stover, Patricia, 13, and Brett, 10, left their home in Anchorage, Alaska, on April 15 to fly in the family's plane to Homer, Alaska, for a fishing trip. They have not been heard of since. More than 50 planes searched over 1,200 hours with no success. A memorial service was scheduled for May 19 in Anchorage. Survivors include Stover's wife and a third child who didn't accompany the others on the fishing trip. The missionary Stovers, both natives of Texas, served as evangelists in Brazil for 25 years before retiring in 1965. They now live in Garland, Texas.

Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, missionary, has arrived in Liberia and may now be addressed at Southern Baptist Mission, Box 1416, Monrovia, Liberia.



Diane and Larry Smith

Two Mississippi natives are among 46 students from Southwestern Seminary named for inclusion in the 1978 edition of Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. The students were chosen on the basis of their academic achievement and contributions to the community and seminary. The Mississippi students are Diane Pamela Smith, master of religious education, Jackson, and Larry Dearman Smith, doctor of musical arts, Meridian.

Cynthia L. McGee, missionary to Chile, is in language school (address: Apartado 100, San Fco, 2 Rios, San Jose, Costa Rica, C.A.). She was born in Memphis, Tenn., and grew up in Jackson, Miss.



Frances Winters was commissioned to compose a dedicatory anthem for a special service at Lafayette Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, New York, which was recently decorated with "street people" murals. Mrs. Winters is the wife of Donald Winters, dean of the Carey School of Music. They are members of Hattiesburg's First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. Above, she discusses the New York experience with Jan Douglas, fellow William Carey faculty member.

William Carey College has announced the appointment of Ralph Jackson Rogers to the position of Dean of Continuing Education. Approved by the Carey Board of Trustees, the appointment becomes official on June 1. Rogers has been a member of the faculty of the Department of History and Social Science since 1965.



Atushi Dean, left, and Jamie Hofmister, right, from Hopewell Church, Newton County, were state winners in the Children's Drill Contest held at Clarke College in April. They are shown with Mrs. Patti Edwards, their leader.

Ottis Evans, Jr. was ordained as a deacon on May 7 at Arcola Church. David Mayhall, director of missions, Washington County, preached the ordination sermon. Cecil Mulloy is pastor.



Marion (Buddy) Puryear, right, Eva, Ala., has been elected president of the Clarke College Ministerial Association for 1978-79. He is completing his freshman year at Clarke and is pastor of the New Zion Church, Scott County. Vice-president will be John Jeffries, left, of New Orleans. Jeffries is pastor of New Ireland Church in Union and is also completing his freshman year at Clarke. Secretary will be Randy Makemson, center, freshman from Cullman, Ala. Danny Lynn, of Northport, Ala., will serve as benevolence chairman.

Nashville — Larry Shotwell will become supervisor of the adult program section in the Sunday School Board's Sunday School department, effective July 1.



Bethesda Church, Terry, has awarded Mrs. Bert Bridgers a decorative wooden plaque, in appreciation for her forty plus years of Sunday School teaching and leadership in church organizations. Glenn Nations, pastor, on April 23 announced the dedication of a Sunday School classroom to Mrs. Bridgers. Various former pupils of hers gave testimonies concerning her Christian influence in their lives. Mrs. Bridgers is the wife of Charlie Bridgers of Route 1, Midway Road, Raymond.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas (Tom) Warrington, missionaries to Costa Rica, may be addressed at Apartado 4035, San Jose, Costa Rica. They are natives of Mississippi.

Richard E. Price Sr., father of Mrs. Mark M. Alexander Jr., missionary to Argentina, died April 20 in Corinth, Miss. Mrs. Alexander may be addressed at Casilla 344, 7600 Mar del Plata, Argentina. She is the former Cecile Price of Corinth, Miss.

Johnny L. Sanders, native of Sledge, was awarded the Doctor of Ministries degree on May 5 at Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla. Now pastor of Westside Church, Bastrop, La. he formerly served churches at Greenville and Cleveland in Mississippi. He graduated from Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. His wife, the former Rebecca Turner, is also from Sledge.

Tommy Tootle of Jackson County has earned the diploma for deacon ministry. He is the first deacon of his church — First, Vancleave — to earn this award.



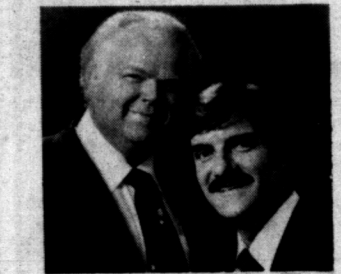
Larson and Nichols

## To Sing At Laurel Church

Clinton Nichols and Miles Larson, musical team, will be presented in sacred concert Sunday, May 28, at 7:30 p.m., at Highland Church, Laurel.

Clinton Nichols, Chairman of Church Music Ministries, New Orleans Seminary, is a tenor. Miles Larson of Gulfport, has a bass-baritone voice. Jerry Aultman is accompanist.

Harvey Kelly is minister of music at Highland, Laurel.



## Hale And Wilder To Give Concert At Broadmoor

Robert Hale and Dean Wilder will appear in concert at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson, Saturday, June 3 at 7 p.m.

Hale is leading baritone of the New York City Opera. Wilder is director of vocal studies at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo. Each has appeared with major symphony orchestras in North America.

The two with accompanist and arranger, Ovid Young, have toured together since 1966 in more than 1,500 appearances. The public is invited.

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To make group reservations call Mrs. Ellen Johnson at (205) 322-6511 or write her at WMU, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

**RESERVATIONS NOT NECESSARY**

## Staff Changes

Priva Higginbotham, pastor at Springdale Church, Attala County, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Calvary Church, Batesville, effective June 1. Mrs. Higginbotham has been serving as office secretary for the Attala Baptist Association, Levon Moore, Missions director.

New Hope Church (Lauderdale Association) has added a new staff member, Keith Thrash. He goes to his present position as minister of music and youth from a similar position at the Ebenezer Church, Pennington, Ala. He was ordained to the gospel ministry by Carmel Church, Meridian, in 1976. He is married to the former Tanya Hollingsworth of Meridian and is a senior at Mississippi State University. He plans to attend Seminary at New Orleans.

Marty J. Evans, Jr. is now pastor at Bethany Church, Prentiss. He moved there from Mt. Hermon Church, Mt. Hermon, La.

Danny M. Watkins began his ministry as assistant pastor at Parkway Church, Jackson on May 14. A graduate of Mississippi College, he is completing work on his DMin degree from New Orleans Seminary. He goes to Parkway from the pastorate of Fair River Church near Brookhaven. He and his wife, Sue Ellen, are natives of Baton Rouge, La. Bill Causey is pastor at Parkway.



**Walthall Countians Working On Crusade**  
Hundreds of Walthall Countians are working on plans for a countywide Christian Crusade May 28-June 4 in Haspel Stadium, Tylertown. The steering committee for the big crusade includes this group. From left, seated are Nathan Graves, Mel Craft, Bill Campbell, Elmer Howell, Dale Little, Billy Murphy and Bob Golden. Standing, from left, are Lloyd Andrews, Earl Surber, Carole Williams, Darnell Archie, W. P. Blair, Elizabeth Davis, John Ray Sartin, Douglas Lee, George Lee and Dalton Laird. Eddie Martin will be the evangelist; Jamall Badry will lead the singing.

## Home Board Names Associate

Patricia Kay O'Brien of Cleveland, Miss., has been appointed a missionary associate by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

She will serve as a social worker for the Seller's Baptist Home and Adoption Center in New Orleans.

Mrs. O'Brien, whose husband James is working on a Th.M. degree at New Orleans Baptist Seminary, was one of 17 persons named to missions service during the May meeting of the HMB executive committee.

Mrs. O'Brien is a graduate of Mississippi College and holds a master of social work degree from University of Southern Mississippi.

She has worked as a social worker/aide for the Willowood Development Center in Jackson, Miss.

Her husband is from McComb.

## MC Alumni Will Breakfast In Atlanta

The Mississippi College Alumni Association will sponsor a continental breakfast in the Omni International Hotel Knollwood Room between 7:30 and 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 14, during the Southern Baptist Convention.

The breakfast is being co-hosted by the Atlanta Area Alumni Chapter and all Mississippi College alumni are invited to attend.

Alumni attending the Southern Baptist Convention may pick up tickets at the Mississippi College display on the convention floor.

## Village Choir To Give Concerts

The concert schedule for the spring tour of "The Teen Choir" from Baptist Children's Village has been released by Ruth A. Glaze, director. On Friday, May 26, a home concert will be presented in Powell Chapel on the Jackson campus of the Village at 7:30 o'clock p.m. Concerts of sacred music will be presented in worship services at Oak Grove Church near Magee Sunday morning, May 28; Bellevue Church in Hattiesburg, Sunday night, May 28; Pleasant Grove Church in Wayne County, Tuesday night, May 30; First Church in Leakesville, Monday night, May 29, and a special concert at Georgia Baptist Children's Home in Palmetto, Georgia, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. Also included in the tour will be a day of recreation at Paul Johnson State Park and at "Six Flags Over Georgia." The choir will return home June 2. The 40-voice choir consists of boys and girls of high school ages, and includes the choral ensemble, "The Villagers."



## Three Win Bible Drill

Jay Henderson and Cassandra Blackwell survived a field of 63 semi-finalists to become the winners of the Youth Bible Drill Selection Tournament in Jackson, Saturday, May 6.

The Selection Tournament is held annually following the state finals in order to select the Mississippi representatives for the Southern Baptist demonstration drills. Jay will go to Gorieta and Cassandra will participate in the Ridgecrest drill.

Gene Hammons won third place and will be the alternate representative taking the place of either of the two winners in case one cannot attend the convention drill.

For the first time both winners and the alternate are from the same church. They are members of Petal-Harvey church in Petal and Lebanon Association. Mr. and Mrs. Preston Blackwell train the youth Bible drillers.

Petal-Harvey sent 22 youth drillers to the state finals. Seven of the final twelve drillers were also from that church.

Left to right are: Gene Hammons, Jay Henderson, and Cassandra Blackwell.

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## Just For The Record



Central Church of McComb on April 9 celebrated the paying off of the debt on the new sanctuary, with a note burning and dinner served in the sub-story for all members and guests. Those participating from left: Bob Wilson, Sammy Williams, C. C. Fenn, and R. G. Kirkland, pastor.



BETHEL CHURCH, Lincoln County, Acteens has recognized as royalty two Queens, two Queens with Scepter, and one Service Aide. All of them and their leader, Mrs. Loyd Wallace, attended Queens' Court at Garaywa. Left to right are Regina Brown, Queen; Stacey Moak, Queen; Pam Moak, Queen-with-Scepter; Stephanie Case, Service Aide; and Valerie Moak, Queen-with-Scepter.



Bethlehem Church in Forkville, Scott County, on April 23 burned the note on its auditorium renovation. The remodeling was done under leadership of James Edwards, pastor, in 1975 at a cost of \$29,100. The pastorium has also been remodeled and the church is now free of debt.

NEW HOPE NEAR MEADVILLE in Franklin County will hear Eddie Hamilton, guest speaker, Sunday morning, May 28, for homecoming day. Hamilton is a former pastor at New Hope. Lunch at the church and afternoon singing will be part of the day's program. Offerings for the day will be used for care of the cemetery. Mrs. Charles Ezell, church member, states, "If you have loved ones buried there, you are asked to give to this offering; no local reminders are being sent."

EPHESUS CHURCH, Scott County, will observe Homecoming May 28, with Sunday School at 10 a.m., worship service at 11 a.m., a noon meal, and an afternoon service beginning at 1:30. Robert Huffman, a former pastor, will give the 11 a.m. message. The afternoon service of singing and brief talks by former pastors will conclude at 3 p.m. The pastor at Ephesus is Kenneth Jones. The music director is Don Gomillion.

HOME COMING DAY AT ROCK HILL CHURCH near Brandon will be Sunday, May 28. Jerry Slonaker, a former pastor, will preach at the 11 a.m. service. Lunch will be served at the church, followed by a special music program. Vance Dyess is interim pastor. Gale Martin is music director.

HOME COMING AT NEW HOPE CHURCH, Lafayette County, will be June 4. Robert Smith from Como will lead the singing and deliver the 11 a.m. message. Marie Smith will be the pianist. Lunch will be served. Fellowship and singing will be afternoon features. J. W. Massie from Sardis is pastor.



FURRS Church, Pontotoc, recently sponsored a week of emphasis on senior citizens. Senior Citizens were recognized in morning worship service and a luncheon was held for them during the week. Joe Epting is pastor.

ARLINGTON CHURCH in Lincoln County will observe homecoming May 28. At 11 a.m. there will be a dedication service, the morning message to be brought by a former pastor, N. B. Saucier. Sunday School is at 10. An old-fashioned dinner will be served on the grounds. The afternoon service will be a program of gospel singing. There will be no night service, according to Bob Ammons, pastor.

WEST SALEM CHURCH, Greene County, will observe homecoming on Sunday, June 4.

MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH, Carroll County, will hold homecoming services on May 28, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Dewitt Cutts from Weir. There will be dinner on the ground. The Gospel Aires from Houlika will highlight the singing program after lunch. Gary Lollar is music director, and Carl Braswell is pastor.

## Revival Dates

Palestine (Hinds): May 25-27; services at 7:30 p.m.; former pastors will preach; Sunday, May 28, formal dedication service for new church building at 2 p.m., after morning service and dinner on the grounds; Gael Eddings, pastor.

Philadelphia Church, Wesson: May 28-June 2; Billy E. Simmons, evangelist; Gerald Dimsdale, music director; Clayton Jordan, in charge of special youth night program; regular services Sunday; 7:30 p.m. during week; Wayne Cooper, pastor; homecoming and dinner on the grounds on May 28.

Antioch (Lowndes): May 29-June 4; Rick Ingle, fulltime evangelist, preaching, Mac Pace, minister of music youth, singer; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; week night services at 7:30; Larry Hill, pastor.

## Devotional

### A Call To Boldness

By Clyde Little, Pastor, Forest

"Boldness" is the emphasis of our convention. I saw boldness in action recently. The football game was almost over. Enough time remained for one more play, the extra point. My team was losing, 21 to 20. The young quarterback called time out and asked the coach, "What must I do, try for a tie or a win?" The coach held up two fingers and shouted, "Go for two, we want to win!" That was a call of boldness... and my team won.

Great coaches refuse to fold under pressure. The late Vince Lombardi just refused to lose. He magnified the desire to win and believed it so strongly that his teams were winners.

Winning men to Christ is the call of the New Testament. "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost..." "Come, follow me..." — A CALL TO BOLDNESS.

Jesus is the bold one who attracted the attention of man. We see his boldness as he walked among the lepers in Luke 17:11-19.

**I. His Bold Character**  
The lepers saw purity and cleansing when they looked upon Jesus. He was not "the same kind" as they... a leper. He was not diseased, He was healer.

Men seek "a different kind," when seeking help. The sick do not find healing among the diseased. The character of Jesus was clean and pure. And men came to him for cleansing.

**II. His Bold Reputation**  
The news was out among the leper colony that Jesus had healed before. He had experience and was successful. We like a good doctor with a history of medical success. Our communities need experienced soul winners with bold reputations.

**III. His Bold Approach**  
Jesus visited the unclean and stayed there, unafraid, until they were cleansed. He had time for them. He cared and understood their need. He had the available help. He sensed their desire to be healed. We must approach men with boldness if we follow Jesus.

**IV. His Bold Touch**  
Jesus "touched their hurt." The doctor must touch "the hurt" of the body before he can do any good. Men are hurting in sin.

My dear friend, Thomas Thurman, missionary to Bangladesh, told me about winning the first convert of his ministry in that leper diseased country. It came after several years of work and after his wife had received a spot of leprosy on her leg. The Thurmans have a bold touch. They are touching the "hurt" of Bangladesh and are winning men to Christ.

May we follow Christ. He will make us BOLD.

## Hillcrest Sends Pastor On Mission To Mexico

Hillcrest, Jackson, recently sponsored a mission trip to Mexico for its pastor, pastor's wife, singer Ann Epperson.

Pastor Maurice Clayton, Mrs. Clayton, and Ann Epperson spent a week in and around Mexico City preaching, teaching, singing, and visiting points of interest to the Southern Baptist mission work.

On Sunday, April 30, Clayton preached at the First Baptist Church of Cuernavaca. Most of the next week the three spent at the Bible conference grounds called "An Oasis of Living Water," in Puebla. Mrs. Clayton held a seminar on "The Pastor's Wife and

Her Home" while Clayton preached and Ann sang.

Other places they visited were Gilead, the first and only home for aged women in Mexico (sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Union) and the Baptist seminary in Mexico City.

Rome (RNS) — Mother Teresa of Calcutta has founded a new contemplative institute to be known as the Brothers of the Word. It has been established as a male branch of the Sisters of the Word, which also was founded by Mother Teresa.

## Uniform Lesson

### Faith Under Fire

By Hardy R. Denham, First, Newton

Acts 12:1-17

It has been said that if you cannot stand the heat you should get out of the kitchen. The Lord Jesus told His followers they would feel the heat of persecution (refer Matthew 10:16-18, 21-23; John 15:20-21; 16:33). The Lord Christ knew the pressure of persecution, and it was natural to expect that His followers would experience the same. One thrilling aspect of the Acts narrative is that those men and women demonstrated steadfast faith in the fires of persecution.

Previous studies have dealt with the apostles' experiences with the authorities. Peter and John had been in prison, Stephen had been killed and John was put to death (Acts 12:2). John was the first apostle to die for the faith.

**I. The King's Design—Verses 1-5.**

Herod Agrippa I was the grandson of the infamous Herod the Great (Matthew 2:1-16). He ruled by permission of the Caesar in Rome. His act of persecution represents a new dimension in the opposition to the gospel. Previous to this time the opposition had been on the part of religious leaders (Sadducees and Pharisees). Herod represented governmental authority.

The motive of his action is not given but the viciousness of it is clear. He arrested Christians and put one apostle to death (verses 1-2). If his intent was to gain Jewish support he succeeded (verse 3a). Herod continued his program of persecution and had Peter arrested.

Herod's purpose was to do to Peter what had been done to James (verse 4). However, he determined to wait until after the Passover lest he offend the Jews. Thus Peter was kept in prison, awaiting the time of trial and execution (verse 5).

Herod Agrippa is representative of those without convictions and character who use institutions and individuals to achieve their own goals. The Acts reports the ultimate folly of such conduct. Herod was struck down and died (12:23) and what he had viciously opposed continued "to increase and spread" (12:24).

**II. The Angel's Deliverance Verses 6-11.**

Luke gave repeated emphasis to the tight security surrounding Peter. First, sixteen men were assigned to

guard him (verse 4). Second, Peter was bound with two chains, and third, he slept between soldiers while others stood guard (verse 6). These details were given to underscore the miraculous nature of Peter's release.

Suddenly an angelic messenger appeared in the cell. The Greek says "an angel" not "the angel" (KJV). Peter's composure in a time of stress is shown by the fact that he was asleep (verse 6) and had to be awakened by the angel (verse 7). He was facing the threat of death, yet he slept as peacefully as a child. The three indications of the miraculous factors in this release are that Peter's chains fell off (verse 7), the gate "opened for them by itself" (verse 10), and the soldiers were kept from restraining them as they left the prison.

Two facts about this experience of deliverance are significant. First, the church was engaged in earnest prayer for Peter's deliverance (verse 5). Second, when Peter realized what had happened he saw that the Lord was responsible (verse 11). It has been said that God works in response to the prayers of His people. Of course, Peter's work was not finished, but the relationship between the praying of the church and the release of Peter cannot be overlooked.

**III. The Church's Doubt—Verses 12-17.**

Peter went immediately to where he knew Christians were meeting for prayer (verse 12). Luke introduced a new character in this connection—John Mark. His mother was doubtless a wealthy woman for she had a house sufficiently large for "many people" to meet in, and she had servants. Peter had confidence that his people would be meeting to pray for him. God's servants need this assurance.

What happened when Peter arrived at the house illustrates that people can pray for something while doubting that the prayer will be answered. When the apostle announced his presence at the door, the overjoyed servant girl ran to tell the others (verses 13-14). The Christians who were praying for Peter's release did not believe he had been released (verse 15). They accused her of taking leave of her senses, and then said that "it must be his (Peter's) angel." When they did see Peter they were astonished (verse 16). It is amazing that those believers

were praying for Peter's release yet they were astonished when God answered their prayers. Before criticizing them, however, we would do well to ask ourselves if we have prayed for something and have been surprised when the prayer was answered. Or, have you ever said, "I didn't expect God to answer the Prayer anyway?"

While either of these tragic things could befall us, it is most likely that we face a greater danger in the possibility of our drifting away from the path of spiritual progress and duty toward God with the fatal results for both ourselves and others.

The peril of riches! Abram was the first rich man mentioned in the Bible, and we no sooner hear of his riches than we must listen to the story of family dissension. Lot had been with Abram in all of his travels, and had shared in the accumulation of his wealth. The growing flocks requiring wider pasture ranges and the quarreling servants created confusion. The two families just could not stay together.

Abram, the older and the wealthier of the two, was the head of the family. He would have been acting within his rights to have spoken harshly and whipped all servants into submission.

## Blue Mountain Summer Camp Will Open On June 11

Blue Mountain College will hold its third annual summer activities camp for girls June 11-17 with special emphasis on horsemanship, tennis and archery, according to an announcement by Dixie Everett, camp director.

Daily instruction will be given campers in horsemanship, tennis, archery, swimming, back packing and canoeing.

The campers will be supervised by college counselors and will stay in air-conditioned dormitories.

Additional information concerning

the camp, fee schedule and registration may be obtained by contacting Miss Everett at Blue Mountain.

The college also announced that it will host its 8th annual girls basketball camp the weeks of July 9-15 and July 16-22. The first camp will be for junior high school age girls and the latter for high school age.

Instructors for the two sessions will include Sylvia Williams, coach at Lee High in Columbus, Becky Everett, coach at Rankin Academy in Star,

Larry Robbins, former head coach at Blue Mountain High School, Brenda Gray, captain of '78 Blue Mountain College basketball team and Sheila Sullivan, assistant coach for the Ole Miss Lady Rebels.

On campus housing will be provided with early enrollment in the camp suggested because of limited space. Applications for enrollment may be obtained by writing BMC Basketball Camp, Box 105, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, MS 38610.

## Life and Work Lesson

### Lot — The Danger Of Getting Sidetracked

By Bill Duncan, Long Beach, First

Genesis 13:10-13; 19:12-14, 24-26, 29

What is the greatest danger we face today? We have many reasons for believing that we could be the victims of chemical fallout. Many of us have a horror of a dreaded disease and many of our insurance policies provide additional protection against such. All of us who travel or even walk about the streets face the threat of an automobile accident.

While either of these tragic things could befall us, it is most likely that we face a greater danger in the possibility of our drifting away from the path of spiritual progress and duty toward God with the fatal results for both ourselves and others.

The peril of riches! Abram was the first rich man mentioned in the Bible, and we no sooner hear of his riches than we must listen to the story of family dissension. Lot had been with Abram in all of his travels, and had shared in the accumulation of his wealth. The growing flocks requiring wider pasture ranges and the quarreling servants created confusion. The two families just could not stay together.

Abram, the older and the wealthier of the two, was the head of the family. He would have been acting within his rights to have spoken harshly and whipped all servants into submission.

Instead Abram spoke kindly and unselfishly: "Let there be no strife... separate thyself from me." He gave Lot first choice of directions to move. One would have expected Lot to have suggested that Abram take first choice. Lot was not that kind. Here were two different kinds of men, and a transaction involving money and property revealed the true character of each. Lot chose the well-watered plain. In doing so, he failed to consider seriously the dangers of living among the wicked people of the cities of the plains. His selfish choice affected the rest of his life; it was the beginning of tragedy for Lot and for all his family.

The well-watered Jordan Valley had as its two leading cities, Sodom and Gomorrah. However, these cities were centers of pagan worship and immorality. "Lot... pitched his tent toward Sodom." Although Lot was a good man, Sodom seemed to have fascinated him. All commentaries point out the progression of Lot into sin. First, he looked toward Sodom. Second, he pitched his tents near Sodom. Finally, he went to live in Sodom. The city came to be known for the most degrading forms of immorality. The worst part of Lot's decision was "that he had to live with the men of Sodom."

When the Canaanite kings rebelled against the king of Elam, the rebellion was crushed and the rebel cities were looted. A number of the citizens were taken as prisoners of war which included Lot. As soon as Abram heard the news, he mustered his fighting men and inflicted a crushing defeat upon them. The victory liberated the prisoners and among them was Lot. Even after his narrow escape, Lot returned to live in Sodom. Abraham later received as guests not men but angels and the Lord Himself. The visitors announced the birth of Isaac. They also announced that Sodom and Gomorrah would be destroyed for their great wickedness. Abraham bargained with God for the lives of the righteous men in Sodom. The angels went and examined the situation in Sodom, and could find only one righteous man — Lot. In all the years Lot had lived in Sodom he did not have one single convert.

Then two angels went to Sodom to warn Lot to flee from the city before it was destroyed. The wicked men of Sodom attempted to commit sodomy with the visitors. What happened was an example of the evil that caused the Lord to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah.

Lot and his loved ones were given an opportunity to be spared. Because Lot had compromised with morality and had long since ceased to display godly characteristics, he had lost his influence with his family. He went and attempted to lead his future sons-in-law to escape. "The jesting of the men who were planning to marry his daughters points up the fact that whatever influence Lot had ever possessed in their

lives was gone. Such is the result of compromise." Lot and his family were given ample opportunity to escape.

As Lot, his wife and two daughters began to leave, fire rained down from heaven like lightning. Lot's wife still was reluctant to leave the city. Looking back, she was overtaken by fumes and the fiery destruction. She remains today as a symbol of a person looking in two directions. Lot was spared because he was righteous and Abraham prayed for him. In spite of the great deliverance, he did not turn to his potential in righteous living.

Lot's life illustrates many spiritual truths: (1) the degenerating influence of a selfish choice; (2) the effect of a wicked environment on one's family; (3) retribution in one's children; and (4) God, the only true judge of a man's real state.

It is so easy for a Christian to become sidetracked such as by becoming overly concerned about material things. Once a person moves off the "mainline" he has little influence for good on those around him. If the Christian patterns his life after the world, he is too much like the worldly people for them to take him serious.

James M. Barrie has written: "The life of every man is a diary in which he means to write one story and writes another; and his humblest hour is when he compares the volume as it is with what he hoped to make it."